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NEWSLETTER 1998/9.5 (April)

You are invited to attend the meeting of the Society with the **Central Division** of the American Philosophical Association, Friday, May 7, 7 p.m., in the Carrolltown Room of the Hyatt Regency, New Orleans, LA:

G.E.L. Owen on "Being" in Plato and Aristotle

Chair: Anthony Preus, *Binghamton University*

Amy Morgenstern, *University of Dayton*, "One Among the Investigators of the Verb

'To Be': GEL Owen on Plato's *Sophist*"

Jiyuan Yu, *SUNY Buffalo*, "Is There a Focal Meaning of Being in Aristotle?"

These papers are, or should be, included if you have paid dues for 98/9. Your dues status may be determined from the mailing label on the envelope.

SAGP DUES

A change in the postal regulations and costs has forced us to increase Dues to a still-modest \$10 per year US; \$15 Canadian (but we would prefer \$10 US from our Canadian members!). Members outside North America should contribute \$15 US to (more or less) cover the cost of mailings. Make out your check to SAGP. We honor multi-year dues payments. If you are paid up on your dues, the number 98 or a higher number (including a number beginning with "0") appears on the label. The letter in the selection code indicates your voting constituency.

SAGP Speaker Policy

The Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy sponsors sessions with the annual meetings of the American Philological Association and with the Eastern, Central, and Pacific Divisions of the American Philosophical Association. In addition, SAGP has since 1980 participated in a joint meeting with the Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy and Science and several other groups, and since 1996 with the International Association for Greek Philosophy; occasionally the SAGP meets with various other groups—in August 1998, we met with the World Congress of Philosophy, in Boston.

Procedure

Those wishing to present a paper at any meeting of the SAGP are requested to contact A. Preus, Secretary SAGP, Philosophy, Binghamton University, 13902-6000; fax 607-777-2734; apreus@binghamton.edu. Submitters should include their name and

address directly below the title of the paper on a separate title page, and nowhere else; that allows for anonymous review by the Program Committee. Submitters should also include a cover letter indicating the meeting(s) of the Society at which they would like (be willing) to present the paper. Deadlines for receipt are as follows:

January 1 for Philology meetings following December (seven copies).

February 1 for Eastern Division meeting following December (seven copies).

June 1 for the October SAGP/SSIPS program (one copy is sufficient).

September 1 for Pacific and Central subsequent Spring (seven copies).

These deadlines reflect the necessity for a month turnaround to the Program Committee and a month to put the program together. Submitters should expect a response about six weeks after each of the deadline dates. The members of the Program Committee are: the President (Fred Miller) and Secretary (A. Preus), ex officio; John Anton, Elizabeth Asmis, Julius Moravcsik, Thomas M. Robinson, Robert Turnbull (we are currently holding an election for Turnbull's successor).

THE JOURNAL OF NEOPLATONIC STUDIES

The *Journal of Neoplatonic Studies* Volumes I, II, III, IV, V, and VI.1 have been published and are available. VI.2 will soon be available. Subscriptions are a very reasonable \$15 per year (two issues). You can now conjoin your subscription with your membership in ISNS; that membership is an additional \$5 per year. So if you write your check for \$20, you pay one year membership in ISNS, and subscribe for one year to JNS (multi-year subscriptions and/or memberships are welcome, but be specific what you want). Write your check to "JNS" and send it to A. Preus, Philosophy, Binghamton University, 13902-6000. Please specify the volume(s) for which you are subscribing.

Submissions of papers: two copies (and a diskette please!) to Parviz Morewedge, IGCS, Binghamton University. Books for Review: D. P. Lackey, Philosophy, Baruch College CUNY, 17 Lexington Ave., New York, NY 10010; Advertisements etc.: P. Morewedge, IGCS, Binghamton Univ, 13902; pmorewed@binghamton.edu.

ISNS: Platonism, Neoplatonism, and American Thought

Vanderbilt University May 20-24. Contact: J. Bregman, History, U. of Maine, Orono ME 04469-5774; bregman@maine.maine.edu. Local arrangements: J. Lachs, Philosophy, Vanderbilt U., Nashville, TN 37325; lachs@ctrvax.vanderbilt.edu.

University of Georgia Summer Institute

We note especially the opportunity for intensive beginning Greek June 14-August 5. An alternative to the CUNY Graduate Centre's course. Contact rlafleur@parallel.park.uga.edu, or <http://www.classics.uga.edu>. The deadline for completed applications is May 1.

Xth International Symposium: Law & Rights in Ancient Greek Tradition

Olympic Centre for Philosophy & Culture, July 1-6. Contact Leonidas Bargeliotes, 9 Aristotelous St., 15124 Amaroussion, Athens, Greece; tel. & fax: (011) 301-80.29.313. lbargel@atlas.uoa.gr.

The Opuscula of Theophrastus

Trier, Germany, July 20-22. Contact Georg Wöhrle, Fachbereich II, Klass Philol, Univ Trier, 54286 Trier, Deutschland. fax ((49) 06 51) 201-39 48; woehrle@uni-trier.de

Ancient Philosophy Society

We note the formation of a "competing" Society, associated primarily with the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. Their first meeting will be October 7, 1999, at the meeting of SPEP at the University of Oregon. Drew Hyland, Trinity College, Hartford CT 06106 [drew.hyland@trincoll.edu] is in charge.

SAGP/SSIPS 1999

The 1999 SAGP/SSIPS Conference includes a special invitation to submit papers on *Παιδεία* / *Μίμησης*. Binghamton University is sponsoring a celebration of Greek culture during the 99/0 academic year, and this conference will include a part of that celebration. Individual papers should be submitted by June 1, 1999, in order to be included in the preliminary program. Contact: apreus@binghamton.edu.

Symposium Platonicum

The next one will be in 2001 in Jerusalem, on the *Laws*. For information, contact Samuel Skolnikov at mshpuss@pluto.huji.ac.il. To get on the e-list, contact rossetti@krenet.it.

Tony Preus, April 6, 1999

NEW for 1999

THE GREEK PHILOSOPHERS:

**A Collection of Greek Texts, with Notes on
Translation and Content by J.H. Leshner
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The Greek Philosophers presents a number of famous and influential ancient Greek philosophical texts, along with notes on translation and philosophical content. Included are Greek texts of fragments of Anaximander, Xenophanes, Heraclitus, Parmenides, Empedocles, Democritus, and Anaxagoras; selections from Plato's *Crito*, *Meno*, *Symposium*, *Republic*, and *Timaeus*; and Aristotle's *De Anima*, *Metaphysics*, *Nicomachean Ethics*, *Parts of Animals*, and *Posterior Analytics*. Notes assume a knowledge of the basic vocabulary and syntax of Attic Greek but no prior study of philosophy.

Comments on *The Greek Philosophers*:

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Bernard Knox, Director Emeritus, Center for Hellenic Studies

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Josiah B. Gould, Distinguishing Teaching Professor of Philosophy, SUNY at Albany

'A collection of well-chosen texts, with clear and judicious philosophical and philological commentary... It is just what has been needed for students of Greek who want to study ancient philosophy in the original language.'

Patricia Curd, Department of Philosophy, Purdue University

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